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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement supplementing the reply to restriction requirement filed August 7, 2003, applicant elects from the sub-group i) driving means, the species A including claim 18, linearly driven means - Figs. 8-10, and from species ii) for fixing means, species B including claim 39 for an actuator - Figs. 44a and 44b. This paper confirms the oral election made by telephone on August 20, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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